

This request for continued examination is submitted along with a Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) and in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 2, 2007, for the above-referenced patent application. Applicant failed to respond within the maximum statutory period and the application was abandoned. Accordingly, Applicant submits a request for continued examination and response; and a Renewed Petition to Revive under 37 CFR 1.137(b), along with the appropriate fees.

Introductory Comments

Applicants have amended the Claims as follows. Also, Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's rejection and submit the following arguments.